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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COMPARING ACCESS CONTROL LISTS
FOR CONFIGURING A SECURITY POLICY
ON A NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the

application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph [0066] and insert the following paragraph

[0066]   A simple example for determining whether two ACLs are equivalent is provided

below. Assume that a first ACL contains the following entries:

First Access Control List

Action	Protocol	Source Address Range	Destination Address Range	Box
permit	FTP	host 171.68.129.129	host 129.31.163.110	1
deny	IP	171.68.129.32 255.255.255.224	129.31.163.32 255.255.255.224	2
permit	IP	171.68.129.32 255.255.255.224	129.31.163.0 255.255.255.0	3
deny	IP	171.68.129.0 255.255.255.0	129.31.163.32 255.255.255.224	4
permit	IP	171.68.129.0 255.255.255.0	129.31.163.0 255.255.255.0	5